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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	Examiner: H. Nguyen
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Yoshinori OHSAKI)	Group Art Unit: 2851
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Application No.: 09/577,978)	Allowed: October 15, 2003
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Filed: May 25, 2000)	Confirmation No.: 6455
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For: PROJECTION EXPOSURE APPARATUS,)	January 15, 2004
AND DEVICE MANUFACTURING	:	
METHOD USING THE SAME)	

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application
as follows: